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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clallam County

In August 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Rhonda R. Goudie** (RN00142107) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly financially exploited a patient in her adult family home by accepting \$21,000 more than the patient's rate of care. She was convicted of two counts of theft.

Clark County

In August 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Kayla Shawna Conger** (NC60207474) and placed her certification on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft, minor in possession of alcohol on more than one occasion, and a hit and run. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In August 2011 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Marcy C. Harris** (RN00154541) on probation for two years. She diverted controlled substances from her place of employment, failed to comply with terms of a contract, and her license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of Oregon was placed on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In August 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Gerardo J. Nieves** (HC60214048) and placed his license on probation for two years. He was convicted of more than one assault and theft. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Franklin County

In August 2011 the Board of Pharmacy reinstated the pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician credentials of **Jennifer Ruth Morris** (VB00072781, VA60065585), also known as Jennifer Ruth Teas, and placed them on probation. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration and license.

King County

In August 2011 the Nursing Commission released registered nurse **Mary M. Luty** (RN00113740) from terms and conditions set against her license.

In August 2011 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Anthony Rains** (MD00021268) on probation for three years. The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard when treating a patient for abdominal pain and opiate withdrawal. He must comply with terms, conditions and restrictions set against his license.

In August 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Nathan Heath Ronquillo** (CO60223180) and placed his certification on probation for two years. He was convicted of negligent driving and manufacturing marijuana. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In August 2011 the Massage Program terminated the order of probation against **Robert W. Watts** (MA00024943).

Lewis County

In August 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Ramona L. Horst** (RN00092331) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to properly assess and respond to patients during their labor processes and to one newborn patient.

Pierce County

In August 2011 the Dental Commission granted the application of dental assistant **Jamie Nicole Broussard** (D160201659) and placed her registration on probation for three years. She was convicted of possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In August 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of registered nursing assistant applicant **Amias Maua Muasau** (NA60230414). He was convicted of trafficking in stolen property.

In August 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of registered nursing assistant **Alyssa M. Taylor** (NA60198843) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of four counts of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Snohomish County

In August 2011 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Jo D. Nelson** (LP00047976) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of tampering with consumer products.

Spokane County

In August 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the registration of **Gideon M. Karinga** (NA00182577).

In August 2011 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against licensed practical and registered nurse **Pennie S. O'Brien** (LP00047456, RN00129459), also known as Pennie S. Robinson.

In August 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of registered nursing assistant **James Edward Rogers** (NA60227220) and placed conditions against his registration. He was convicted of driving under the influence, resisting arrest, and other crimes. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

Thurston County

In August 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program released registered nursing assistant **David Patrick Bolin** (NA60080683) from terms and conditions set against his registration.

After a hearing in August 2011, the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of registered nursing assistant **Elizabeth Marie Conner** (NA60145071) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of retail theft less than \$300 on more than one occasion, and entered a diversion program for the charge of possession of stolen property. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In August 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of certified nursing assistant **Lynn Knutz** (NC10101469). She must comply with terms and conditions placed against her certification.

In August 2011 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Wendy Wincewicz** (RN00092329) on probation for five years. She mistakenly administered the incorrect medication to a patient which contributed to the patient's death.

In August 2011 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Amber Wrinkle** (LP00059946) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Out of State

Alaska: In August 2011 the Nursing Commission placed the license of registered nurse **Jay W. Rydberg** (RN00168233) on probation for three years due to concerns about his ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Idaho: In August 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **Lesa A. Gibbs** (PH00014701) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for cocaine and amphetamines during random urinalysis.

Idaho: In August 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **David A. Smith** (RN00123669) with unprofessional conduct. On a number of occasions, he allegedly withdrew medication and administered it to patients without authorization or exceeded the dosage amount on the physician orders.

Kentucky: In August 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Ashley Marie Johnson** (RN60054954) with unprofessional conduct. Her credential to practice as a registered nurse in Ohio was placed on probation for three years.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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